level. The contracts are regularly monitored by filed officers, NHAI Headquarter and Department of Road Transport and Highways. Quality audit through reputed institutions such as Engineers India Ltd. are also carried out on selected stretches to ensure the quality of work.

Quality of roads

2820. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that at certain places the road has already given way;

whether Government have any system of quality control on the roads built by NHAI under the four laning scheme;

the system Government possess to double check all such roads and their high engineering standards;

whether it is also a fact that not enough emphasis is being given to high quality roads; and

if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No Sir, however there have been some damages in small lengths of some newly built NH sections due to excessive rains etc. One small section of NH-6 has subsided recently during construction. An enquiry committee has been constituted for the purpose.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, NHAI has engaged supervision consultant to ensure the quality of its roads as per IRC and MoSRT&H standards/specifications. Quality audit is also being done by Engineers India Ltd. a Govt, of India Undertaking. Overall quality of work is also monitored as a double check at construction sites by NHAI's Project implementation Units (PIUs).

(d) and (e) No Sir, a lot of emphasis is being given for construction of high quality roads.

Construction of National Highways

†2821. SHRI JAIPARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposals for the construction of National Highways

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.